# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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BORDER DISPUTES WITH CHINA
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether China has shown Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh as the integral part of its territory:

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has held the ninth and tenth round of talks with China on the issue of border dispute;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the progress made so far; and

(e) the details of the area in which the dispute is not being resolved alongwith the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(e) China is in illegal occupation of approximately 38,000 square kilometres in the Indian State of Jammu & Kashmir. In addition, under the so-called Sino-Pakistan Boundary Agreement of 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 square kilometres of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China. China also illegally claims approximately 90,000 square kilometres of Indian territory in the State of Arunachal Pradesh, and about 2000 square kilometres in the Middle Sector. Government have conveyed to the Chinese side that Jammu and Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh are integral parts of India.

India and China are engaged in discussions to arrive at a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution to the boundary question. The ninth and tenth rounds of talks between the Special Representatives of India and China were held in India from 16-18 January 2007 and from April 20-22, 2007 respectively. The two Special Representatives continued their discussions on a framework for the boundary settlement on the basis of the Agreement on Political Parameters and Guiding Principles signed on 11 April 2005. Both sides agreed to hold the next (eleventh) round of talks at a mutually convenient time, which will be decided through diplomatic channels.